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1. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT IMPLICATIONS OF CECLA STATEMENT
REPORTED REFTEL FOR TOKYO MEETING. ALTHOUGH STATEMENT
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INCLUDES SOME POINTS ALREADY IN DRAFT TOKYO DECLARATION,

OTHERS ARE HIGHLY CONTROVERSIAL EITHER IN SUBSTANCE OR FORMULATION AND WERE NOT ACCEPTED AT PREPARATORY COMMITTEE MEETING IN GENEVA IN JULY. WHILE MORE EXTREMIST LDCS, SUCH AS CUBA AND CHILE, CONSIDER DRAFT DECLARATION WORKED OUT AT GENEVA WAS INADEQUATE AND UNACCEPTABLE, OTHERS ACCEPTED IT AS REASONABLE COMPROMISE.

2. NEGATIVE POSITION BY FEW LDCS AT TOKYO WOULD NOT CREATE SERIOUS PROBLEM, SINCE UNANIMITY WILL NOT BE REQUIRED. MOVE BY SEVERAL COUNTRIES TO REOPEN DELICATE BALANCE OF DRAFT AND MODIFY IT, HOWEVER, WOULD BE HIGHLY UNFORTUNATE. WE THEREFORE CONCERNED THAT SUCH COUNTRIES AS BRAZIL AND MEXICO SUPPORTED CECLA "DECLARATION OF OBJECTIVES OF LA COUNTRIES FOR THE TOKYO MEETING," SINCE BRAZIL AND MEXICO WENT ALONG WITH DRAFT AS PREPARED IN GENEVA. IN FACT, BRAZIL HELPED SHAPE FINAL COMPROMISE. WHILE WE WOULD NOT BE TOO CONCERNED BY STATEMENTS BY LATIN AMERICANS (OR ANY OTHERS) AT TOKYO NOTING THAT DRAFT DECLARATION DOES NOT

INCORPORATE ALL THEIR DESIDERATA, WE WOULD REGRET ATTEMPT BY RESPONSIBLE LDCS TO REOPEN COMPROMISE TEXT THAT WAS ACCEPTED AT GENEVA.

3. REQUEST ADDRESSEE EMBASSIES TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, CONVEYING ABOVE US VIEWS, AND INQUIRING AS TO ANTICIPATED HOST GOVERNMENT ROLES AT TOKYO IN LIGHT CECLA STATEMENT. ROGERS

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